

Biology Toolkit: Indicator 3.5.4

Student Handout: Biology: Indicator 3.5.4

Goal 3.0 Concepts Of Biology

Expectation 3.5 The student will investigate the interdependence of diverse living organisms and their interactions with the components of the biosphere.

Indicator 3.5.4 The student will illustrate how all organisms are part of and depend on two major global food webs that are positively or negatively influenced by human activity and technology.

Assessment Limits: oceanic food web terrestrial food web

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Correct Answer

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